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SUBJ : ELF ACTIVITY

1. SOURCE IN POLICE HDQS, ASMARA, REPORTS A SERIOUS CLASH BETWEEN ARMY AND TOWNSPEOPLE IN OMNEHADJER, ABOUT TWENTY FIVE MILES FROM TESSANAI IN WESTERN PROVINCE OF ERITREA. SOURCE SAYS AN ARMY CAPTAIN AND TWO CIVILIANS WERE KILLED BY ELF, AFTER WHICH ARMY TROOPS RAN AMUCK IN TOWN, SHOOTING INDISCRIMINATELY ON VILLAGERS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN. ESTIMATES OF DEAD AROUND TWENTY WITH POSSIBILITY OF EVEN MORE. SOURCE, HIMSELF AN ERITREAN SAID "THEY TALK OF PEACE HERE AND OUT THERE THEY MASSACRE OUR PEOPLE."

2. HANDWRITTEN ELF WALL POSTERS REPORTEDLY APPEARED IN ASMARA FRIDAY BUT WERE SPEEDILY TORN DOWN BY A CONTINGENT OF COMMANDO POLICE. THIS POLICE ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF PRESS INQUIRES RECEIVED HERE FROM NEWSMEN IN ADDIS, ASKING ABOUT REPORTED "TROOP MOVEMENTS IN ASMARA." SAMPLES OF POSTERS NOT AVAILABLE BUT SOME POLICE SOURCE PARAPHRASED CONTENTS IN THIS WAY : "PEOPLE OF ERITREA: BEWARE OF THE AMHARA GOVERNMENT...THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING BY ANY MEANS TO NEGOTIATE WITH US UNOFFICIALLY. NOW THE NEW MOVEMENT BY THE MILITARY MUST NOT MAKE YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN THE AMHARA ADMINISTRATION. REMAIN LOYAL IN YOUR SEARCH FOR FREEDOM, AS ALL ERITREANS REMAINED LOYAL DURING

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THE ITALIAN AND BRITISH ADMINISTRATIONS. WE MUST NOT LET THE

IMPERIALIST AMHARAS FOOL US".
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